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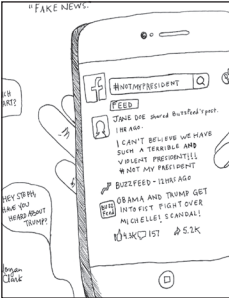
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Tale as old as time, song as old as rhyme, one of the most well-known Disney childhood stories is back. “Beauty and the Beast,” directed by Bill Condon and based on the fairytale written by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont, tells the story of a young prince...

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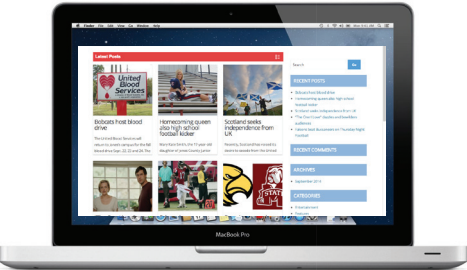
Jones County Junior College’s Lady Bobcats have had an exceedingly great season so far. They began the season, like any other softball team would want to, undefeated. Chris Robinson, head coach of the softball team, said “the girls made a commitment to each other.” That commitment...

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# Beware of fake news

## Statistics show students are unable to tell between fake and real news

NATALIE BUCKLEY  
NEWS EDITOR

Fake news, despite the recent popularity of the term, has been an issue in America for decades. However, in the light of the latest presidential election, news has been distorted and publicized more because of the extreme division of the nation and the issues that have risen from its notoriety. Designed to deceive readers with the intent to gain financially or politically, fake news is fabricated, deliberately spread and may be distorted to have bias or click baiting headlines. Fake news can sway opinions, stir emotions and muddy the truth, but it can also lead to dire consequences. Shortly after the election, a fake news story about Hillary Clinton arose online, leading a North Carolina man to open fire in a pizzeria.

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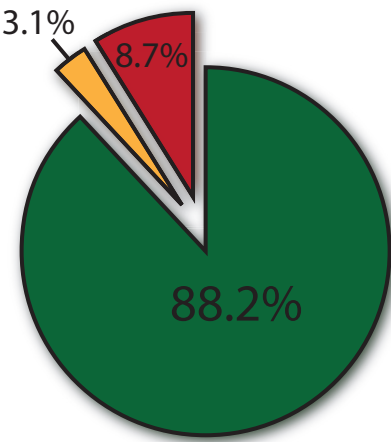
Although both the pizzagate conspiracy and the false reports of the destruction of the “USS Maine” began as subtle accusations, they gained momentum as more and more people believed them and shared the information. The internet and social media, however, have significantly sped up the relay of information, thus leaving more room for error and mistakes and less for corrections. More popular social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, allow people to post whatever they choose, opening the door for any type of news from anywhere or anyone. According to Business Insider, two-thirds of the Facebook population use news links on the site, whether it be real or fake. Another problem is that there are members of the public who assume all news reports are accurate. A Stanford study revealed middle, high school and college students have a “dismaying” inability to tell fake news from real news. For those who choose to question stories shared on social media, Snopes.com lists a Hot 50 topics the public is currently asking about, such as: “did a funeral work actually fall asleep at work and accidentally get cremated?” The Radonian conducted a survey of students in JCJC English classes regarding fake news and found that the majority of students receive their news from Facebook, followed by Fox News, CNN, SnapChat and Twitter. Only 38

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### Do you think fake news is a problem?



Yes  
No  
Maybe

Results from a survey conducted in JCJC English classes this semester.

# Jones County Junior College hosts annual Special Olympics

MEGAN BREWER  
STAFF WRITER

On April 7, Ellisville State School presented the Special Olympics, held on Jones County Junior Colleges’ football field. Over 100 special needs participants were present, along with visiting family, friends, and Jones County schools. The event began at 9 a.m. and ended approximately at 11:30 a.m. The cool, clear weather provided a perfect day for the activities. The football field was flooded with participants and their families wearing t-shirts supporting them. The stands were half-full of cheering spectators. The competitors thrived on the cheering, and it caused them to run faster and smile bigger. Students from JCJC, West Jones and South Jones volunteered with the event. West Jones athletes visited with the Olympics participants, and the South Jones High School girls’ basketball team ran the concession. The Special Olympics provided a wonderful opportunity for JCJC student organizations to volunteer. Members of clubs sat in the stands and cheered on the

competitors, while others were handing out ribbons, assisting with events, and talking to the participants. JCJC football player Dylan Desper was one of the many volunteers present. When asked why he volunteered, he replied with, “I like to be around kids, you know? Their happiness uplifts me, and this gives me a chance to provide a role model to the kids.” Teammate Alex Ward was another volunteer who was involved with ARC (a community organization that helps those with special needs and developmental disabilities) and worked at a civitan camp (a camp for those with special needs) during the summer. “It’s good to see these guys and girls be able to have a good time and lots of fun no matter what,” said Ward. PTK member Katelyn McGowan’s task was passing out ribbons to the winners. Her favorite thing about the event was “seeing smiles on people’s faces that didn’t compete aggressively, but for fun” she said. Winners in today’s events move on to state competition in the summer.



A participant in the Special Olympics shows her joy at winning a ribbon. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS



# JCJC theatre performs 'Smokey Joe's Cafe'

**KARLY JONES**  
STAFF WRITER

During the month of March, Jones County Junior College's theatre department presented the musical, "Smokey Joe's Cafe: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller."

Cory Skellion, a sophomore at JCJC, enjoyed the show and said it was very entertaining.

"It was surprisingly charming for a musical with no dialogue," said Skellion. "After I saw the first show, I came back and even watched the other two performances."

In a 1950's setting, Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller's songs provided the entertainment of a once popular American culture. Featuring nearly 40 songs, some classics consisted of "Charlie Brown," "Hound Dog" and "Stand by Me." The musical also featured romantic ballads as well as catchy melodies.

After opening on Broadway March 2, 1995, at the Virginia Theatre, "Smokey Joe's" ran for 2,036 performances. This



Students (l-r) Addison Nelms, Katie Hovan, Coco Caldwell, Amy Champion, Jonathan LaCourse, Davonzell Moncrief, Carter Poister, Devin Boothe and Antonio Ducksworth perform the musical "Smokey Joe's Cafe." PHOTO BY CORY SKELLION

made the record for the longest-running musical revue in Broadway history. In 1996, it later won the Grammy Award for Best Musical Album. Unlike most musicals, this one does not actually involve characters, dialogue or a theme. It is in revue format, combining music, dance and sketches. Musicals like these do not have an overarching storyline but rather loosely

flowing solo performances and group numbers.

Auditions for the musical at JCJC first began in the fall semester. Students did not begin rehearsals until the spring semester. To participate, students were required to be enrolled in the musical theatre class. During the semester, students practiced Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Sometimes Friday,

Saturday and Sunday practices were even needed.

Coco Caldwell, a sophomore, said that it was a struggle trying to get everyone together at the same time for rehearsals.

"Every one of us would have some kind of conflict," said Caldwell. "Even though we all had other

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## Fine Arts division holds events throughout rest of semester

**BRITTANY THOMAS**  
STAFF WRITER

April is full of events for the Fine Arts department at Jones County Junior College.

The JCJC sophomore student recitals will be held April 10, 11 and 18 in the Foote Chapel at 7 p.m. As the spring semester comes to an end, the sophomores will perform a final public recital to show the progress they have made throughout their time at Jones. The sophomore recitals will last about 30 minutes and will consist of both instrumental and voice performances.

Performing will be Brian Evans, tuba; Miles Dennis, guitar; AJ Robinson, piano; Coco Caldwell, voice; Mikala McLaurin, clarinet; Katherine Hovan, voice;



The Impromptu Piano Trio, comprised of (l-r) Stephen Redford on violin, Theresa Sanchez on piano and Alexander Russakovsky, performs chamber music from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

Devin Boothe, tuba and Terry Jackson, percussion.

Other sophomore performances were held on April 3 and 4. Sophomores who performed were Abbi Smith, voice; Benjamin

Husbands, trombone; Timothy Milling, percussion; Phebe Tisdale, voice; Dustin Logan, guitar and Reagan Arnold, voice.

On April 20, Java and Jazz will be held at Howard

Advanced Technology Center at 7 p.m. This will be a combined concert by the JC Jazz Cats and the JC Voices.

"Java & Jazz is a tradition that has been around for many years," said Dr. Susan Smith, fine arts division chair. "It will include a variety of vocal jazz and contemporary tunes."

The Jazz Cats will perform more common standards in the concert. JC Voices will sing jazz arrangements of "Stuff Like That There" and The Sound of Music's "My Favorite Things" as well as contemporary favorites "Sound of Silence," "Teach Your Children" and "I Was Here," made famous by Lady Antebellum.

"It makes me really sad to see it all come to an end, but I am very grateful for

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## Sophomores prepare for spring art show

**WILLIAM LOWERY**  
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Art is an important part of a society's culture as it provides a glimpse into the mind of the individual and shows how much creative potential that person has. Eight sophomore art majors at Jones County Junior College will have the chance to show the public their inner talents in an art show that begins on April 10.

A reception for the show will be held in the Eula Bass Lewis Gallery in the Visual Arts building on April 11 that will introduce the artists and their contributions. The students participating in the event include Morgan Clark, Morgan Lewis, Bryan Courtney, Sienna Moe, Stephanie Hill, Joanna Espy, Kyle Shepherd and Brianna Pace. Each one will contribute a multitude of works based off different

art styles.

"My entry will be different pieces of artwork that I have created during my four semesters at Jones," said sophomore Joanna Espy. "Some of the artwork will include blind contour drawings, oil paintings, 3D sculptures and some design work."

The roster of students participating in this year's show is small, but as one sophomore explains, they are a talented group of individuals.

"We have an incredible group of artists this semester, so the artwork that they will be presenting will be phenomenal," said sophomore Morgan Lewis. "Coming to this show is a great way to support the school, the arts, fellow classmates and students. For some of us, this event will be the first time displaying our artwork in the gallery. This show



Stephanie Hill finishes up a piece of her art project, which will be displayed beginning April 10. PHOTO BY BRITTANY THOMAS

also gives us experience in compiling artwork and preparing it to be displayed. The event will give us a taste of what it's like to prepare artwork to different groups of people, and that's important for future artists."

Additionally, for every student participating in

this year's show, this will be their first time to partake in an event such as this, and despite some skepticism amongst the individuals, many of them believe that this is their time to shine.

"It gives us a chance to know how it feels to have works be part of an art

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Cady Smith receives her diploma from President Jesse Smith during last year's graduation. PHOTO BY TERESA MCCREER

## Graduation set for May

**SAM HOUSTON**  
STAFF WRITER

May 5 is a very important date, one that signifies a huge transition for most sophomores. It is the date of spring graduation for Jones County Junior College. Here are the dates for graduation, rehearsal and events for sophomores.

There will be a sophomore luncheon on April 25. At the luncheon, the rules for graduation will be discussed and voting for the Golden Key awards will take place. The categories of these awards include athletics, merit and leadership awards, which will have both male and female categories.

Graduation rehearsal will be in the Union on

April 28. The proceedings for this rehearsal will be to arrive and line up like it will be on graduation day. During rehearsal, graduates will receive their caps and gowns.

Graduation will take place on May 5 in the A.B. Howard Gymnasium. Line up for graduation will start in the Union. All graduates need to come dressed in their caps and gowns. There will be a photographer at graduation to take pictures of students receiving their cases for the diploma. Actual diplomas will be mailed out after graduation to each individual student.

For more information about graduation and the events leading up to it, contact Kacie Minnix at kacie.minnix@jcjc.edu.



Dr. Mignon Kucia speaks to the Honors College about group dynamics and leadership. PHOTO BY BETHAMY MORRIS

## MC professor speaks to Honors College

**NATALIE BUCKLEY**  
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Wonder Woman, Spiderman, Superman, Iron Man, Thor, the Hulk, Captain America: what do all these characters have in common? The obvious answer may be that they are all superheroes that all have their own unique powers, but according to Dr. Mignon Kucia, these heroes only do their best work when they work together.

Dr. Mignon Kucia is the communications assistant professor at Mississippi College, where she teaches interpersonal communication, professional communication, small group and public relations classes. She is also involved as a sponsor in Swannanoa Social Tribe, the Public Relations Association of Mississippi student division, the MC Equestrian team and the communication department's recruiting group.

Kucia spoke to students and faculty of Jones County Junior College's Honors Institute March 27 about the importance of working in groups. When asking the students if they liked working in groups, almost no one raised their hands, but instead admitted to hating working in groups. "It's hard to get along with people to get work done," said sophomore Thomas Gunnell. "It takes more effort... I can do it [by myself] just fine."

Other students professed reasons such as that they thought other students could not do the work as well as they could or that they would be stuck with slackers and end up doing the work by themselves.

Kucia pointed out that Americans are more prone to the mindset of individuality and that the population is basically trained to be that way

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Editorial

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Although parody, click bait and controversial websites may be entertaining, they frequently post fake news. According to npr.org, a Stanford study shows that the majority of teenagers cannot differentiate real from fake news.

The best way to fact check sources is to do research. If multiple sources make the same claim, it is likely true; however, this does not apply to all cases. Today, individuals must learn to fact check, especially information from commercial websites. Government sites and organizations are usually more reliable.

Due to the vast amount of fake news surfacing in the media today, journalists have a highly important and difficult job. Journalists must fact check everything they share and avoid bias, but how do they do that? By following the Society of Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics. It is a journalist's duty to serve the truth and not take favors or bribes that can affect the integrity of the newspaper and its staff.

The Radonian strives to remain objective in order to present an accurate and unbiased story. It is important to provide accurate information to the public. Imagine reading a false claim that a loved one had passed away. Media has been known to make such claims and consequently lost their integrity. People want the truth, and not a lie that gains the newspaper publicity.

Members of the Radonian must be accountable for one another as well as our readers. If a fake story is published, it not only looks bad on the staff but on the college as well. We do our best to avoid exploiting people in times of vulnerability, writing sensational headlines, or using click bait to grab readers' attention. Our staff will never be perfect, but we aspire to be.

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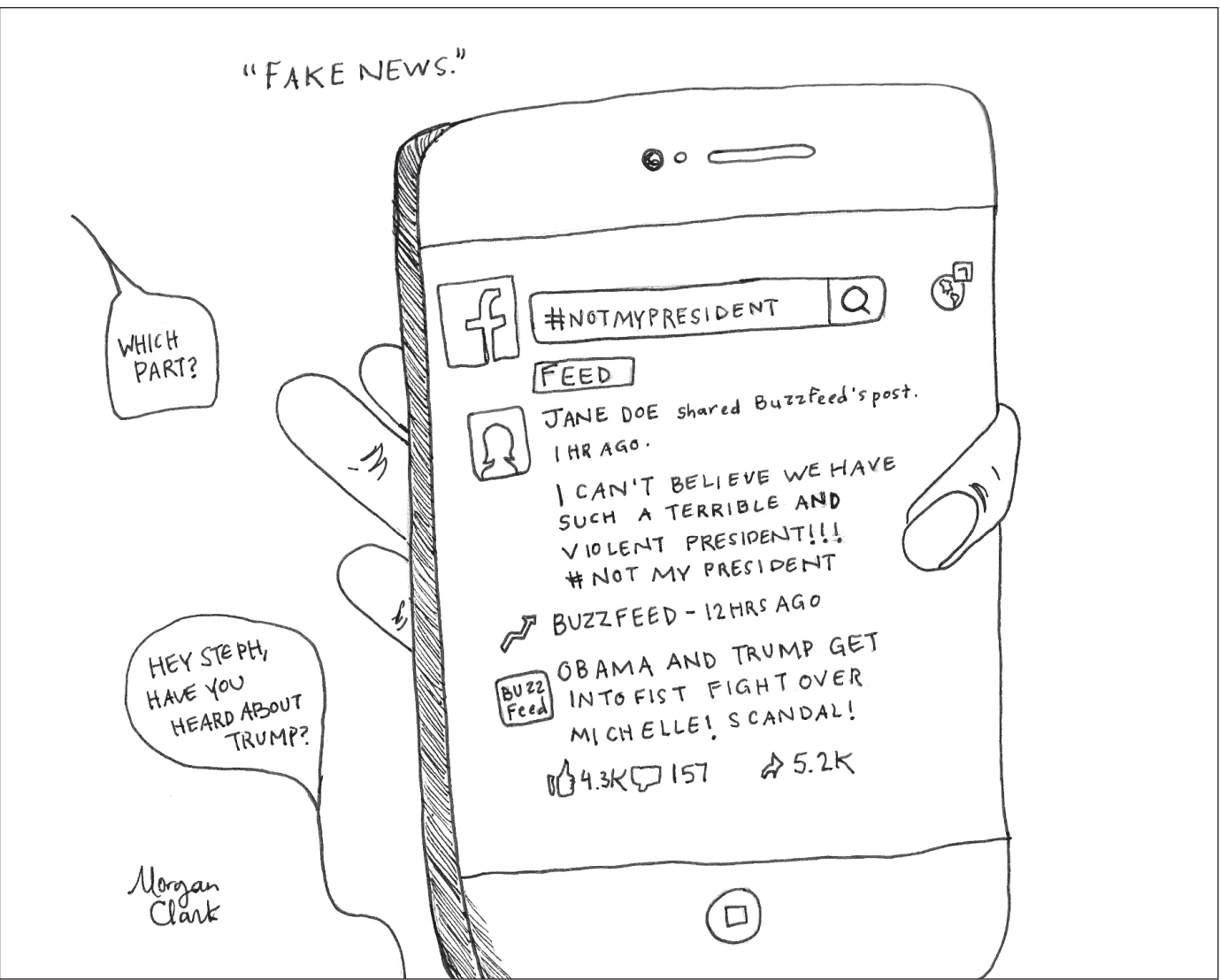
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# Do not judge people



## Rebellious Rants

by Natalie Buckley

Do you ever see someone and you automatically think that something about them looks wrong or that they seem a certain way just because of how they look? Well, stop that. Everyone deserves a chance to be known without being

judged by their appearance, beliefs and past decisions. Today's society relies on physical appearance and surface appeal. Too many great people are never given the chance to pursue friendships, relationships and even career opportunities because of how they seem on the outside. People with higher social status pick and choose who gets to share that same

status with them, and those other people with potential and the same qualifications as those who are picked either fall through the cracks or choose to work hard to try to overcome the judgments of society. Although the person who works really hard to get to the top may be the ideal person for the job, why should he or she have to work that much harder to get there just because of

looks, gender or beliefs? The issue also exists outside of the workforce and mainstream society. Regular people in everyday life stereotype and judge those who look or believe differently than they do. Sometimes men label women as housewives or as weak, regressing history's progress of gender equality, but sometimes

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# Trump orders an immigration ban

## A view for the Ban

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The United States of America today is quite different from what it used to be. Americans battle fear in multiple ways. Bomb threats, school shootings and terrorist attacks are not uncommon in today's society. Parents are afraid to send their children to school, and adults are afraid to go to work. They combat these fears as well as the everyday crime that occurs in many cities. In 2017, President Donald Trump issued an executive order banning travel to and from seven majority-Muslim countries. This decision sparked controversy across the nation. Countless people have spoken at rallies fighting for the rights of immigrants. Celebrities and political figures like Hillary Clinton have taken part in these rallies. Trump is not targeting immigrants who have gone through the extensive

process of becoming a United States citizen; his concern is illegal immigrants and those attempting to immigrate from the seven majority-Muslim countries. Nonetheless, people who have family members who are illegal immigrants feel they are being punished, but did Trump make this decision to punish Americans or to protect them? Trump issued this immigration ban with the intention of protecting the American people. He has lived through terrorist attacks like 9/11 and the bombing at the Boston marathon. Witnessing such events can cause one to make harsh decisions. People do not understand that tough love is still a form of love. Trump makes these controversial decisions with the intention of protecting the country he calls home; this is his role as president.

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ALYSA HERRINGTON  
STAFF WRITER

Ever since President Trump has been a Republican nominee, his one promise was that he was going to ban certain immigrants and illegals. In his first week in office, he made an executive order to ban Muslim immigrants that are from certain countries such as Syria and Iran for 90 days. However, the American Civil Liberties Union tried stopping the ban from going into effect. Even though the ACLU tried their best, Trump issued another order on March 7. Over the course of the years, especially since the Paris attack in 2015, I have heard nothing but "we need to get those people out of our country." I can understand what fear does to people, but one simply cannot ban immigrants from coming to the United States because they have a different viewpoint. I feel like we will be doing

the same thing we did to the Japanese during Pearl Harbor. It was cruel and unfair to simply discard a person of a different race. Some people need to realize that not everybody is an enemy, and they probably need our help more than ever. This immigration ban will seriously bring the United States to a dark place. I am afraid that since it has been signed, several people will be at risk. Families will be torn apart and struggling refugees will have nowhere safe to go. It is even stated that this ban can be considered unconstitutional because it is a direct assault of religious freedoms and equal protections. Not only that, but forcing illegals out of our country just seems morally wrong to me. A family would have to live without their father, or even the family as a whole could be thrown out

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# Trump makes a decision on ObamaCare



## PURELY POLITICAL

by Ge'Randall Horne

In the beginning, Donald Trump made it his number one goal to rid the United States of Obamacare. He met with Congress on March 24 with his new healthcare proposal called the American Health Care Act, but his new planned was rejected. His

next proposal was to let Obamacare collapse on itself. "I've been saying for the last year-and-a-half that the best thing we can do politically speaking is let Obamacare explode. It is exploding right now," Trump said in the Oval Office, adding that the Democrats "own Obamacare 100 percent." Trump's Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney stated that they will not revisit the health care fight

until Obamacare breaks. "And I think that's the one thing that folks have not started talking about yet ... is that the end result here is that people back home are going to be hurt," Mulvaney said. "Now, the Democrats will get blamed for it, because there's no question now. It's not Trumpcare in this country, it's not Ryancare, it is Obamacare. They will get blamed, OK?" According to "Obamacareplans.com,"

Americans can easily be qualified for the health care program, but one can easily be misled into paying more than what they bargain for. The lowest plan states that those who qualify can start off by paying as little as \$50 a month, but what this plan seems to forget to mention is that this balance does not include the out of pocket costs. Another main component that the lowest plan does

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JCJC sophomore's approach 'inspires greatness'

KATELYN WILLIAMSON  
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On Oct. 21, 2015 at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Reece Stringer was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. Stringer is a sophomore at Jones County Junior College and has agreed to talk about his experience with cancer with the hope that it will encourage those who read his story that there is a worth-while fight to be had no matter how big of an obstacle cancer may seem.

"I had just turned 18 and began my freshman year here at Jones when my results were confirmed," said Stringer. "I was diagnosed with stage three cancer."

Articles linked to the UMMC website state that Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma is most commonly seen in people at the age of 60, so Stringer's diagnosis was especially unusual. This kind of cancer develops in

the lymphatic system of white blood cells which the body uses to fight infection. Most of the time, swollen lymph nodes do not mean cancer; they just mean that the body's immune system has detected some foreign antigen. Most people who have gone to the doctor with complaints of a sore throat can recall having their physician feel for swollen nodes around their neck. As one can infer, swollen nodes by themselves are not a red flag for cancer. There are many symptoms that must come together to determine if someone has Lymphoma and, even then, symptoms may mimic the signs of another illness.

"I remember being diagnosed," said Stringer. "For a while, I was sick. I kept coughing, especially when I would lie down. I lost my voice and had night sweats. My mother thought I had pneumonia at first, so we went to the doctor and got an x-ray of my lungs. Then he noticed the mass in my chest and

sent me to get a CT scan. That was when they began to suspect cancer."

After having been told that there was a good possibility he would soon be diagnosed with cancer, Stringer decided to prepare his friends for the news. He began calling his closest, most immediate friends. As expected, they had a hard time figuring out how to handle the news and his diagnosis quickly spread by word of mouth. Sometimes people hear the word "cancer" and know that their next few years are a fight with death; others, like Stringer, begin preparing to fight so they may live.

"I don't see this as a fight with death, but as a pot hole in my road," said Stringer. "It has been tough at times, but I would never consider giving up. One day I will tell my grandkids about all that I have been through."

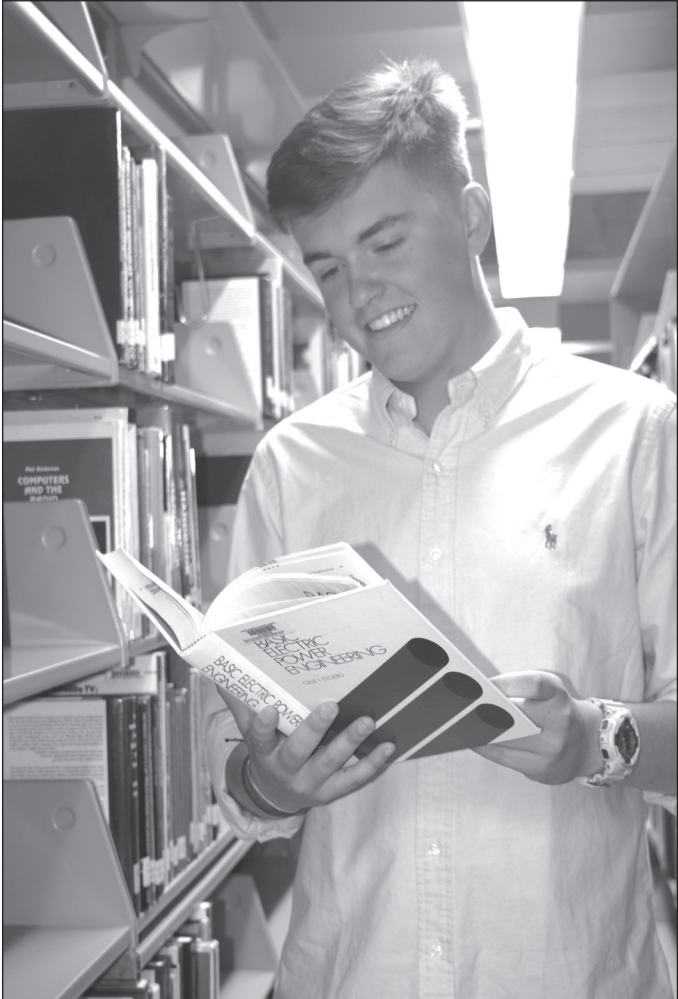
Stringer is now taking chemotherapy at the Batson's Children Hospital in Jackson. Since he is in

stage three of the cancer's development, surgical removal is not an option. In stage three of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, the cancer is typically found on both sides of the diaphragm, which means it is in multiple lymph nodes which are found in the chest, neck, abdomen, groin and underneath the arms.

"The most mentally and emotionally challenging thing about cancer is the pause it puts on your life," said Stringer. "You cannot do what you once did while undergoing chemotherapy four times a week. There is a lot of isolation due to your low immune system."

With Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, patients will often experience some almost flu like symptoms and an extreme weakening of their body's ability to fight off viruses and infections. Because their immune system is being attacked, they must be more cautious about things

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Reece Stringer, sophomore, intends to graduate from JCJC and pursue a degree in engineering despite his obstacles. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

Students get baptized on the JC softball field

Teacher Feature  
by Brandon Hussey

The softball team took to the field on a Sunday, winning their double header weekend with ease to maintain their impressive 28-0 record for the season. But perhaps the most important event of the evening, superseding

their victories, were their spiritual breakthroughs on the field following their victories. Sophomore Jesse Boumpus and Freshman Karli Perque embraced their newly found salvation in Christ on the field that night, and Justin Graves, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes director, performed baptisms for the two young players and

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Justin Graves, FCA director, baptizes Jesse Boumpus, sophomore and Karli Perque, freshman, on the softball field while the JCJC softball team witnesses. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JUSTIN GRAVES

Local business expansion is attractive to students

MARKELIA ROBERSON  
STAFF WRITER

Ellisville and Hattiesburg are welcoming new businesses, restaurants and stores. In December, Hattiesburg welcomed its very own Panera Bread. Panera Bread has been around for several years, but this is the first for the city. Bread, dessert, and coffee lovers will especially enjoy this addition. Jones County Junior College

students are excited about the new addition as well. "I saw images of the food and hoped it tasted as good as it looked so I was extremely excited to try the place out," said Giselly Santana, a JCJC sophomore. The location offers free Wi-Fi access to dine-in guests and sometimes offers student discounts. "Sometimes I like to create different study

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Jennah Eddins, freshman, enjoys her lunch break at the newly opened Panera Bread in Hattiesburg. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

Alumni has backed Jones 82 years

KRISTEN FERACI  
STAFF WRITER

Alumni associations are formed to aid in the advancement of schools, and Jones County Junior College's association is very active. Former students join together to support the college, raise funds, be sponsors and role models, and recruit students. Alumni are great for schools because they provide professional networks and skills that they have learned in their careers and they want to give back to the institution in the form of fundraising. A good relationship between alumni and schools is very important because alumni can share positive messages to others about the school, helping it become more successful. Active alumni can act as mentors to current students and provide them with advice, internships and professional connections. JoAnna Newcomb has



JoAnna Newcomb, Alumni Coordinator, is pictured on the third floor of Jones Hall, in the vicinity of the Alumni Association. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

been employed at JCJC for 10 years and has been the Alumni Coordinator for four years. Her office can be found on the third floor of Jones Hall. "The Alumni Association was founded in 1935, and our goal has been to locate alumni in order to increase

membership and to inform them of alumni activities and successes of JCJC," said Newcomb. Perks of joining the Alumni Association include staying in touch with news at JCJC with the Alumni Newsletter, The President's Report

and the JCJC Foundation Scholarship Edition. Additionally, discounted Bobcat Fitness Center memberships are available to Alumni Association members. "To join is simple... just log on to our website at jcjc.edu/alumni and select the Alumni app," said Newcomb. After selecting the Alumni app, the application will be accessed and users will be able to fill it out and join the association. JCJC's Alumni Association is very active in supporting its school. They stay involved with both current students and graduates. "The JCJC Alumni Association has a yearly golf tournament that raises money for scholarships each year for one student in each of our eight county districts," said Newcomb. "The JCJC Homecoming is always a big day for the Alumni Office. As part of these festivities, an

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Students share their pet connections

KARLY JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Animal lovers should mark their calendars for April 11 to spend time with their favorite companions. Whether it has two legs, four legs, a beak, a pink nose, horns or even gills, all animals should get to celebrate their one day of the year dedicated to them. National Pet Day was founded in 2006 by Colleen Paige, a pet and family lifestyle expert and animal welfare advocate. Paige did this to bring attention to the benefits of companionship that pets provide for their owners. According to National Pet Day USA, National Pet Day was also an attempt to create public awareness about the animals who are awaiting a home in shelters and rescues all around the globe. Angie Nix, a freshman at JCJC, volunteered at Southern Cross Animal Rescue in Laurel

for over a year. She adopted Repunzel, an approximately 8-month-old dog, whom at the time was feral and looked as if she would not survive. "It was by far a long and bumpy journey, but it taught me that no matter the situation, animals have feelings too," said Nix. "Repunzel has taught me patience, trust and unending love, especially to unhealthy dogs that seem like they won't survive. Just give these animals a chance." Nix has had Repunzel for three years, and she says that she could not imagine life without her. In addition to promoting the adoption of stray and shelter animals, the holiday was also set in place to express appreciation for service animals. These animals, usually dogs, help people who suffer from mobility issues, blindness, deafness, seizures, diabetes, PTSD, autism, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis and other mental

or physical disabilities. Emotional support animals are also important. These dogs provide comfort and support to those who suffer emotional problems, such as anxiety, depression, mood disorders, panic attacks and other emotional conditions. However, what

happens if the roles are swapped? Connor Kubicki, a freshman at JCJC and a resident of Hattiesburg, owns a dog that is far from normal. Reginald, or Reggie for short, suffers from separation anxiety.

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Catherine McIntyre, freshman, and Shelby Quick, sophomore, take emotional support dog, Baudreaux, for a stroll by the lake on National Pet Day. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS



# ‘Beauty and the Beast’ leaves fans in awe

KARLY JONES  
STAFF WRITER

Tale as old as time, song as old as rhyme, one of the most well-known Disney childhood stories is back. “Beauty and the Beast,” directed by Bill Condon and based on the fairytale written by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont, tells the story of a young prince, played by Dan Stevens, who is transformed into a beast by an enchantress due to his selfish ways. Living in his abandoned castle, along with his enchanted servants who were transformed to household items, the beast must fall in love with a girl, as well as earn her love in order to break the curse. He receives his chance when a young girl, Belle, played by Emma Watson, arrives at the castle. In an attempt to save her father, Maurice, played by Kevin Kline, from

being imprisoned the rest of his life, Belle chooses to take his place. While befriending the castle’s enchanted staff and learning to get along with the beast, Belle soon falls in love with the cursed prince; however, everything is not perfect. Gaston, played by Luke Evans, is consumed by the idea of marrying Belle. When he hears news of the beast, he becomes outraged and schemes against Belle and the beast. Upon being released March 17, “Beauty and the Beast” earned an estimated \$170 million the opening weekend, breaking the record for the biggest opening weekend ever for March. According to “Business Insider,” it is also the biggest opening ever for a PG-rated movie and is seventh place in all-time opening weekend grosses.



“Beauty and the Beast” movie poster from the Grand Theater in Hattiesburg. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

Proving that audiences love live-action remakes of animated classics, Disney dazzled audiences of all ages. However, prior to the release of the movie, director Bill Condon had

stated there would be an “exclusively gay moment” in the film. This caused the film to not be shown in both Kuwait and Malaysia, to be given a stricter rating in Russian theaters

and to be boycotted by an Alabama drive-in, according to “USA Today.” The “gay moment” Condon refers to is actually so subtle that several people missed it.

While some opposed the Disney scene, others in the LGBT community thought that the portraying of a gay character did not go far enough to meet their expectations. However, this one scene will probably be the spark to more representations of homosexuality in several upcoming Disney movies. Rotten Tomatoes gave “Beauty and the Beast” a score of 70 percent saying it had “an enchanting cast, beautifully crafted songs and a painterly eye for detail.” According to “The New York Times,” A.O. Scott stated that he almost didn’t recognize the flavor of the movie saying, “I think the name for it is joy.” Overall, this movie is for all ages and will bring the family together to reminisce on one of the best Disney classics of all time.

## ‘Horizon: Zero Dawn’ refreshes gamers



GAMER  
GUY  
by William Lowery

In recent years, the media has developed a strong interest in the concept of a post-apocalyptic world, with titles such as the “Mad Max” films, “The Walking Dead” and “Fallout” offering tales of humanity recovering from an experience that crippled life. These works are often

dreary in their portrayal, yet “Horizon: Zero Dawn” is not like those films or games. Instead, this PlayStation 4 exclusive offers a world where humans have rebuilt society, but there are animal robots, big and small, that roam the landscape. The results have proven successful, as the game holds a score of 89 percent on Metacritic and has sold 2.9 million copies to date.

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“Horizon Zero Dawn” on loading screen. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

## Ed Sheeran releases new album



MUSIC  
MATTERS  
by Alysa Herrington

English singer and songwriter Ed Sheeran released his third album, “÷” or simply just “Divide” March 3 through Asylum Records and Atlantic Records. This was Sheeran’s first album since 2014. “Divide” or “÷” includes the lead singles “Castle on the Hill” and “Shape of You.” These singles, released in January, caused fans from around the world to look forward to Sheeran’s new album, and it surely didn’t leave them disappointed. Sheeran was already a popular musician and singer with his Grammy-award winning single “Thinking Out Loud,” but this popularity led him to a fear of burning out. Because of this, Sheeran decided to travel the world without a cell phone at

the end of 2015; however, Sheeran is back and with a plethora of new songs that are bound to make listeners lovesick. This album really proves his determination as an artist. He has several love songs that are arranged fantastically and with emotion. His single “Shape of You” is a perfect example. This single has been No. 1 on Billboard’s Hot 100 for quite some time and with a catchy electro pop genre and beautiful lyrics. Not only does Sheeran’s album deal with love, it also portrays his travels from around the world ranging from Spain to Ireland. His songs have a specific theme that makes one actually think they are listening to music from each country. Some are simple songs, such as those about his grandmother, while others delve into angst. The album is simple, yet it works because Sheeran

brings so much heart and emotion into his lyrics. It really makes one fall in love with the English artist. The reviews for his album have been decent and with fair comments. Rolling Stone has given the lovely album 5/10 stars, while Star2 gives it a 6/10 from users. In addition, Pitchfork has given the album a rating of 2.8. In spite of a few mixed reviews, “÷” has been a number one album since its release and that fans absolutely adore. For the first album since 2014, “÷” was certainly worth the wait.



Album cover of Sheeran’s “Divide.” PHOTO BY BRITTANY THOMAS

## Documentary ‘Disturbing the Peace’ plays at Saenger Theatre in March

KRISTEN FERACI  
STAFF WRITER

On March 10, the Saenger Theatre in Hattiesburg showed the 2016 documentary, “Disturbing the Peace.” This movie, directed by Stephen Apkon and Andrew Young, powerfully illustrates the true story of a fight between two enemies that ultimately turns into a fight for peace. It won five film festival awards, including the Humanitarian award Best Documentary. Real people come together to tell the story of how they fought for peace in a world torn apart by hate. Although this documentary takes place in the Middle East, it demonstrates the universal themes of peace vs war and man vs self. From the violence in Israel and Palestine emerge peace activists. In the 1940’s, Israel, a Jewish state, was established in a land inhabited by mostly Palestinians. Since then, the Israelis and the

Palestinians have been at war. Young and Apkon set out to tell the people’s stories that aren’t shown in the media, the stories of those who do not harbor hate. The movie interviews men and women who took part in the war - Assaf Yacobovitz, Sulaiman Khatib, Jamel Qassas, Mohammed Owedah, Avner Wishnitzer, Chen Alon, Maia Hascal and Shifa Al-Qudsi - who saw and felt the violence first-hand and made a decision to challenge their views. They came together to create an organization called Combatants for Peace. The cast of this documentary do not abandon their hope for peace, even when they are called traitors by their own families. They know that hate created this war and that they have to use their humanity to end it. It uses real footage and reenactments of the fighting in the Middle East, showing the horrors of war but also showing the persistence of those



Movie poster of “Disturbing the Peace” at the Saenger Theatre in Hattiesburg. PHOTO BY MAKAYLA PUCKETT

who stand for peace. The Combatants for Peace, consisting of mostly former soldiers, hold non-violent protests, meetings and lectures about communication and peace on both sides. They plan to fight for co-existence until the war is won. “Not rockets from Gaza, not ‘Iron Dome,’ not F-16s, not tanks - will bring peace. Peace should mean security and

independence for both countries. Let us live in peace and dignity, two peoples on this land,” said Jamel, a former Palestinian fighter. Opportunities for contribution, updates and further information about screenings can be found at disturbingthepeacefilm.com. “Disturbing the Peace” received a 9/10 from IMDb and a 100% from Rotten Tomatoes.

### April Events

- Drew Holcomb and The Neighbors – April 5 at 7 p.m. at Duling Hall in Jackson. Tickets range from \$25-70.
- 18th Annual Crossroads Film Festival – April 6-9 at 9:30 a.m. at the Malco Grandview in Madison.
- Avara Yoga Retreat – April 7-9 at Seminary Canoe Rentals in Seminary. Cost ranges from \$95-160 for three yoga courses, canoeing, food and housing.
- Rigoletto – April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at USM’s Mannoni Performing Arts Center Auditorium in Hattiesburg. Tickets range from \$16-24.
- Honey Island Swamp Band – April 14 at The Dollar Box Showroom in Hattiesburg.
- Live at Slowboat – Wes Lee – April 15 at 7 p.m. at Slowboat Brewery in Downtown Laurel. Free admission. Open to all ages and pets are welcome.
- Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic – April 15 from

- 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gardiner Park in Laurel.
- Local H – April 18 at 10 p.m. at Brewsky’s in Hattiesburg. 18+ only. Tickets range from \$12-15.
- Downtown Crawfish Jam 2017 – April 22 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Downtown Hattiesburg. Tickets range from \$30-40 for all day access to food, music and beverages.
- Live at Slowboat – Chad Knight – April 22 at 7 p.m. at Slowboat Brewery in Downtown Laurel. Free admission. Open to all ages and pets are welcome.
- Record Store Day – April 22 at T-Bones Records and Café from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Free admission with live performances all day.
- The Weeks and The Lonely Biscuits – April 26 at 9 p.m. at The Dollar Box Showroom in Hattiesburg.



# Lady Bobcats are unmatched

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SPORTS EDITOR

Jones County Junior College’s Lady Bobcats have had an exceedingly great season so far. They began the season, like any other softball team would want to, undefeated. Chris Robinson, head coach of the softball team, said “the girls made a commitment to each other.” That commitment showed as the Lady Bobcats continued to push past their limits and play not as individual pieces in a game but as a team seeking victory. “We as coaches can only do so much to motivate you,” said Coach Robinson.

“You have to find your own motivation, so if I fail you can still succeed.” Robinson also said, “I knew we had good players coming back, I expected to have a good season, but I never expected a 24-win streak.” Though the Lady Bobcats have major bragging rights because of their record, they continue to remain humble each game. The team believes that the key to victory is not to just play the team but play against the game. An example of this teamwork would be when they played Meridian Community College. At the time, the Lady Bobcats had a winning streak of 22 games. The first inning started off slow,

but JCJC took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning when Autumn Frost set it off with a home run. The Bobcats then went up 6-0 in the third when sophomore Cori McCrary and freshman Kelsha Loftin led off with singles and sophomore Kelly Byrd followed with a single. Frost’s successful hit drove in a run and sophomore Brittany Baty followed with a two-run home run. Sophomore Emily Robinson followed that with a solo shot. After MCC got a run back in the bottom of the third, JCJC answered with three runs in the fourth. Sophomore Brittany Hagwood was allowed to



Sophomore Cori McCrary dives for a ball in the back field. PHOTO BY MARK CHAMBERS

walk because of an error and McCrary followed with a bunt single. Loftin followed with a two-run double to make it 8-1. A Frost ground ball would score Loftin. Karli Perque pitched all six innings and improved her record to 7-0. She allowed two runs (one see **SOFTBALL** page 7

# JCJC Bobcats’ amazing season cut short

Zach McClain  
STAFF WRITER

After having one of the best seasons in Jones County Junior College history, the men’s basketball team tasted defeat only for the second time this season. This second loss for the Bobcats was harder to swallow because it ended their season in the NAAJCNationalTournament. Even though the Bobcats came short of the goal of winning a national championship, their accomplishments from this fantastic season should still be recognized and praised. This has been one of the

most successful seasons in JCJC history. The Bobcats stayed in the top 10 in the nation in all categories of the game throughout the entire season. Every person on the team stepped up at a pivotal moment in a game, either by making a game-winning shot or making a game-deciding defensive play. Before losing in the national tournament to Northwest Florida State, the Bobcats were in prime position to make a run towards a national title. The 91-71 loss demolished the Bobcats’ chance of capturing their second national title. When the first loss happened earlier in

the year, it put a damper on the Bobcats’ outlook for a moment. However, this loss was different; the loss that occurred earlier in the year gave them a more focused picture of what they wanted for the future. For the sophomores leaving this year, they can look back at what they accomplished during their career at JCJC. The Bobcats will be losing their top scoring guard, Bruce Stevens, among other outstanding players due to graduation. If this team had won the national championship this year, it would have been one of the most impressive

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Sophomore Bruce Stevens dribbles the ball down the court against Coahoma Community College. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

# Harris overcomes his complications

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STAFF WRITER

From an early age, Jones County Junior College freshman baseball player Hudson Harris knew he wanted to play baseball. Starting with tee-ball, Harris moved his way up through baseball’s different skill levels until he advanced to high school level. Throughout his baseball career, Harris experienced many challenges, but none more significant than the one that occurred during his sophomore year of high school. This setback showed Harris the importance of having fun and enjoying the game he had come to love so much. Harris credits his father for instilling in him the hard work that has made him successful in baseball. The biggest accomplishment in Harris’s career was winning a Mississippi

South State Championship one year after being sidelined. “Hard work and never giving up made it possible for our team to win that championship,” said Harris. While playing in a fall baseball league and before achieving his greatest accomplishment, Harris tore a tendon in his arm. “I knew something was wrong with my arm,” said Harris. “My parents and I went to the doctor to see what we could do in this situation.” The doctor told Harris that he had to undergo Tommy John surgery to repair his torn tendon. After the surgery, Harris had to undergo months of painful physical therapy to build up the muscles in his throwing arm. Harris kept his outlook positive by keeping supportive people around him and a positive

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Freshman player Hudson Harris. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

# Women’s team aims for Nationals

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STAFF WRITER

After qualifying for the NJCAA Division I National Tournament for five consecutive seasons, the stakes are high for the Jones County Junior College women’s tennis team. “I expect to make it to nationals,” said Buffington. “That was the expectation for previous coaches, so I don’t think they expect any less from me.” With a current record of 4-3, the Lady Bobcats are determined to finish the season in the top three of the state. So far, in conference play, their record is 4-2. The season opener against Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College resulted in a 3-6 loss for the Lady Bobcats. No. 2 doubles, played by freshman Kaylee McLaurin and sophomore Mattie Mills, defeated the Lady Bulldogs 8-4.

Mills also won her No. 5 singles match 6-1, 6-4. In addition, sophomore April Rudolph won her No. 3 singles match 2-6, 6-3(5). Not letting their defeat by long-time rival MGCCC affect them, the Lady Bobcats worked together for a remarkable comeback. The women swept Northeast Mississippi Community College 9-0 in their second match of the season. Attempting to build momentum in their season, the Lady Bobcats claimed an 8-1 win against Copiah-Lincoln Community College. JCJC’s women swept the doubles matches against the Lady Wolves. Freshman Anastasiia Bukhanova won her No. 2 singles match 7-6, 6-4. Rudolph won in No. 3 singles 7-6 (4), 6-3. Freshman August Parker defeated the Lady Wolves in No. 6 singles 6-3,6-0. McLaurin

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Freshmen Beth Owen serves the ball to her opponent. PHOTO BY MAKAYLA PUCKETT

# The Pick Six

This month we will predict game winners from a few MLB and NBA games. Predicting will be Radionian staff members Brandon Hussey, Ge’Randall Horne, Katelyn Williamson, Sam Houston, Zach McClain and Morgan Clark.

SPRING PREDICTIONS	Brandon Hussey	Ge’Randall Horne	Katelyn Williamson	Sam Houston	Zach McClain	Morgan Clark
	Mets vs Marlins	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets	Marlins
	White Sox vs twins	White Sox	Twins	White Sox	White Sox	Twins
	Raptors vs Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Raptors	Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Raptors
	Hawks vs Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Pacers	Hawks	Hawks
	Pirates vs Cubs	Cubs	Cubs	Cubs	Cubs	Cubs
	Bulls vs Nets	Nets	Bulls	Bulls	Bulls	Bulls





Above, Jay Simpson, Reed Michel and Tate Pepper      PHOTOS BY MAKAYLA PUCKETT

## Musical

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responsibilities outside of theatre, we worked so hard. We wanted to make this show great, and I believe that we did.” Antonio Ducksworth, a freshman, had his first performance at JCJC. “I think it was a great show,” said Ducksworth. “It captured the importance and relevance of the 50’s and how the music during

that time really influenced friendships and families.” Performances for the musical were held March 24, 25 and 26 in the M.P. Bush Fine Arts Building. Consisting of just four girls and five boys, the cast was Devin Boothe, Coco Caldwell, Amy Champion, Antonio Ducksworth, Katherine Hovan, Jonathan LaCourse, Davonzell Moncrief, Addison Nelms and Carter Poister. They all greeted members of

the audience after every performance, telling everyone how much they enjoyed performing the show. Although the musical is strictly music with no dialogue, only two of the nine performers were non-music majors. Jennifer Hart, the musical theatre teacher, producer and music director, was thrilled with the outcome of the show. “I chose this show because it was so different,” said Hart. “It

served as a challenge for my students, and with having a small cast, it made for more stage time. The musical appealed to all ages, so everyone could enjoy the show. Audiences could also be familiar with the music once they heard it.” JCJC performs a musical every spring semester. For more information about the theatre department, contact Jennifer Hart at jennifer.hart@jcjc.edu or 601-477-2675.

## Honors

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throughout their lives, while other countries, such as China or Japan, tend to promote more group-friendly activities and opportunities. According to Kucia, groups allow different perspectives and more diverse experiences among people, decreasing the workload and speeding up the progress of a project. To prove her point, Kucia used students to compare what happens to the human body when one eats sugar to what happens when a person in a group has a bad attitude. A student held his arm out as another student tried to push it down with force, and the next

time, the student holding his arm out consumed a packet of sugar, making it easier for the other student to push his arm down. The body becomes more vulnerable as the sugar travels through it, just as how a group becomes more vulnerable as one person’s attitude affects every person in the group. Every person in a group is important to a certain aspect to a project within a group, just as the individual powers of superheroes are magnified when they are combined. Kucia recognized two different types of efficient workers in a group: maintenance and task. Maintenance workers are the ones who encourage and bring the people within the group together

in order to get the work done, while task workers are the leaders who focus primarily on the work and are the ones who make sure everyone is on task. Kucia acknowledged that both types are necessary because only one type within a group is inefficient; for example, task workers may eventually butt heads while they come up with new ideas, not getting along because there is no one there to bring them together, and maintenance workers may only focus on the social part, not getting any of the work done. “In a group setting, you move from people to task back to people,” said Kucia. Kucia closed with group leadership styles: democratic, where the

members of the group are allowed to participate in decisions; laissez faire, where the leader gives the group little to no rules and autocratic, where the leader enforces the rules similar to a dictatorship. Each style can be used for different circumstances, such as laissez faire for a more mature group like a business group or autocratic for a less mature group like an elementary school class. Kucia discussed group dynamics and encouraged students to be more open to group work as it will be part of the “real world” and the workforce. For more information about upcoming speakers or Honors College events, contact Julie Atwood at julie.atwood@jcjc.edu.

## Tennis

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won No. 4 singles 6-1, 6-1 while Mills won No. 5 singles 6-1, 6-0. The winning streak for JCJC was short lived as they lost the following two matches. The Lady Bobcats fell to Christian

Brothers University. Only one court was won by JCJC by McLaurin in No. 4 singles 6-4, 7-5. The remaining courts were defeated by CBU. JCJC fell to Meridian Community College in their second conference match 3-6. Owen and Bukhanova were responsible for winning the only courts

for the Lady Bobcats. In their No. 1 doubles match, Owen and Bukhanova, defeated the Lady Eagles 8-6. Both players also won their respective singles matches. Owen won No. 1 singles 6-2, 6-3 and Bukhanova won No. 2 singles 6-1, 6-2. The Lady Bobcats have won back to back matches

by sweeping Holmes 9-0 and conquering Hinds 6-3. They look to keep their short winning streak as they continue in conference play on the road, playing East Central on April 12. At the end of the season JCJC will participate in the MACJC Region 23 tournament that will be held at MGCCC.

## Harris

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mind set. After finishing physical therapy, Harris still had to sit out his entire sophomore season in high school. This time away from the game helped Harris rediscover his passion for baseball again. “It helped me appreciate

the game again. It showed me the importance of keeping my body and my mind more focused on the present,” said Harris. Now a relief pitcher for the JCJC Bobcats, Harris looks back on this experience as a huge stepping stone to getting him where he is today. “It is a game of second chances. People have to work together to accomplish their goal,”

said Harris. As for his goals on his role on a team that has tasted success, Harris plans to contribute to the team in any way he can. “Being on a team with so much talent can be intimidating at times, but this team has accepted me,” said Harris. “I hope to help this team win another national championship.” Harris is excited to be on this baseball team.

“I’m totally honored and privileged to play on the JCJC baseball team,” said Harris. “I give all the glory to God for giving me a chance to play baseball at the collegiate level.” Even though Harris has had many setbacks in his past baseball career, the sky is the limit for the future of a great ball player and a better person in Hudson Harris.

## Judge

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women do the same to men. Men aren’t always big and mighty; they can be emotional and sensitive, and vice versa. Also, who a person loves should not be a basis of judgment. Love should be celebrated and appreciated instead of shot down and shunned. People are free to choose whatever they want to do in their lives, and those choices should not

be criticized because of discontent. Every religion believes that their faith is the one and only right one, and several people judge other people just because of how they believe. Faith in a higher being or higher forces is an integral part in people’s lives that helps them overcome conflicts and appreciate life on a deeper level. Despite religious differences, people need to recognize the beauty of

faith throughout different religions and how different beliefs are important to other people. Religion should not be a dividing concept but instead a uniting one that allows people to learn and love other people. It’s time that we all acknowledge the fact that we live in a diverse nation and that we are all human beings. There are bad men and women, but there are also good men and women. There are

bad Christians and good Christians, just as there are bad atheists and good atheists. There are bad people in every religion, every race and every country on the planet, but that doesn’t mean that every person in a religion, race or country is bad. No person should be rejected, and no person should have to change who they are because somebody else doesn’t like it. Let’s all be more understanding and let people be who they are.

## Recital

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the time I have had being a part of JC Voices,” sophomore Phebe Tisdale said. “I am also thankful for all the time and encouragement our instructors put in helping us. There is a lot behind the scenes of every performance.” On April 25, the small instrumental ensembles will hold a concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 7 p.m. Performing will be the flute choir, clarinet choir, marimba band, saxophone, brass,

low brass, guitar and percussion ensembles. April 21 is the final day of the Spring Recital Series, which features a variety of guest musicians and vocalists on campus. Performing in the Foot Chapel at 12:25 p.m. will be Soprano Amanda Spivak, Tenor Nicholas Perna and collaborative artist Tyler Kemp. The recital will be the “Voices of Passion,” which samples opera, song and musical theater. All upcoming events can be found on the JCJC website under Fine Arts Events, and all the events are open to the public and are free to attend.

## Art

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gallery,” said sophomore Joanna Espy. “All of us have spent these past years practicing and preparing for this moment. We have spent countless hours working hard to get our skills up to this point. To put it simply, I say we have

earned ourselves this moment of recognition for the work we have completed and the goals we have accomplished.” After the show’s debut, the artwork will remain on display until the beginning of May. The Visual Arts building is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursdays and 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Fridays.

## Softball

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earned), five hits, walked one and struck out seven. Though this game was a clear victory, the girls showed great sportsmanship

and continued to play without being boastful and arrogant. The Lady Bobcats’ fans are hoping for a perfect season and looking forward to every game. The team’s next home game will be April 28.

## Basketball

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accomplishments in JCJC sports, a nearly perfect season; but this accomplishment was not meant to happen for the Bobcats. This setback only gives the current freshmen and future players a great

example of what hard work and determination can do for a team. Hopefully, future teams will aspire to win another national championship for JCJC and the incredible students who show their support. Only time will tell if the team will get a chance to avenge the pain of not winning the big one.

## For Ban

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America has taken other precautions before Trump’s presidency such as comprehensive airport security systems and improvements in homeland security. Luggage and carry-ons are screened, metal detectors are in place, and pat down procedures are being initiated. Americans were annoyed when these procedures were put into action, but

eventually they came to an understanding of the purpose of these precautions. The immigration ban is much the same: a precaution set in place to protect lives. The “New York Times” suggests that non-citizens who do not support the constitution should not be admitted. Although some may say it’s wrong, with the justified dangers of today, our president has the right to protect his people.

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to fend for themselves. Illegals are as much human as American citizens are. Do not get me wrong, I understand we are in a very scary time in the world, but we should not let our fear blind us. We should not target people because they are not an American Citizen yet. We should not be afraid that we will have a couple of bad eggs in the entire group; we should be able to welcome them. I do not mean to welcome them with arms wide open; we definitely should monitor the types of people that come into our country. I just do not think we should ban immigrants

and refugees without caring about whether they have a place to sleep and food to eat. Whether people like it or not, the United States was founded by immigrants and that fact simply cannot change. This immigration ban is certainly not constitutional, and I believe anyone should be able to try and become an American citizen. We should not allow fear to control what we do, and we should not dismiss others because they do not believe in the same things we do. The United States is supposed to be a welcoming country that should allow anyone to come in and become a citizen, not kick them out.







# Americans distrust national news

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Fake news has become an epidemic in the United States, causing many issues with politics, entertainment and society. The Daily Dot defines fake news as “fake, false or regularly misleading websites.” They continue by saying that sources purposely publish fake information or are otherwise entirely unreliable. While some fake news may be for satire, entertainment or to draw readers to advertisers, the reason some fake news

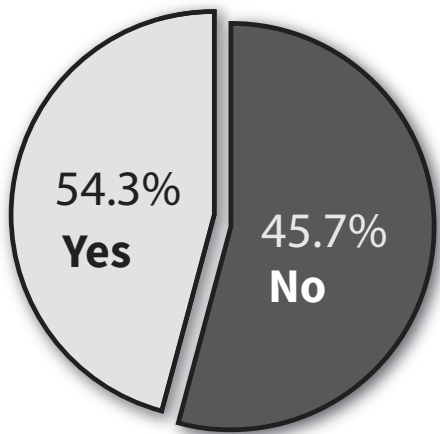
occurs is for the purpose of propaganda. Some want people to have certain opinions on issues, so they fabricate stories to influence opinions. According to Business Insider, news sources as popular as ABC News, CNN, The Washington Post, The New York Times, BuzzFeed and more are actually some of the most distrusted news outlets out there. Despite British Broad-casting Channel being a foreign network, it is one of the top trusted sources for Americans. In their study, research shows that liberal individuals are more likely

to trust their sources than conservatives, further dividing opinions of the masses. “Ignoring the facts has long been a staple of political speech. Every day, politicians overstate some statistic, distort their opponents’ positions, or simply tell out-and-out whoppers. Surrogates and pundits spread the spin,” said Politifact.com, a Pulitzer Prize winning fact checking site. “Then there’s fake news, the phenomenon that is now sweeping, well, the news. Fake news is made-up stuff, masterfully manipulated to look

like credible journalistic reports that are easily spread online to large audiences willing to believe the fictions and spread the word.” The Daily Dot shares sites that should not be trusted, which include politicops.com, infowars.com, White House News, Associated Media Coverage, Conservative Tribune and more. Though most news sources can be unreliable in some way, there is a difference in making a mistake and spreading fake news. When a

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## Do you trust your media sources for information?



Note: These are results from an opinion poll conducted in JCJC English classes. The top news source for the classes was Facebook, followed by Fox News, CNN, SnapChat and Twitter.

# Sorting fake news from real news

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A problem media viewers in today’s society often experience is determining if a news story is from a credible source. A study by Stanford researchers on middle school, high school and college students in 12 states found that the students failed to evaluate the credibility of the information. More than 80 percent of middle schoolers believed sponsored content, that was made to look like a news story, was a real news story. More than 80 percent of high schoolers accepted manipulated photographs without verifying them, nor could they distinguish between fake news sources on Facebook. Most college students tested couldn’t tell the difference between a mainstream and fringe source. How can credible news websites be differentiated from fake news? Avoid websites

that end in “.com.co” as they are usually fake versions of reputable sites. Sites that end in “.io” take snippets of a real new story and mix them with false information. Watch out for sites that are filled with comedy and extreme bias. If a story of great importance is legitimate, expect multiple news sites to write about it. Facebook and Google are taking measures to help their readers differentiate between credible news and fake news by cutting BuzzFeed and CNN “fake news” from their advertising networks. To check out whether a story is from a credible source, use one of the three Google Chrome plugins. A plugin is a piece of software that acts as an add-on to a web browser and gives the browser additional functionality, in this case the plugins can help viewers decipher fake news sites from real news sites. These can be downloaded in the

Chrome Web Store. Find and select the extension you want, then click add to Chrome. Click add to grant the extension access to your data and install the extension. If unsure of a site’s legitimacy, simply Google the sources of the quotes or figures given in the story. If the site is fake news, it will likely lack both sources and direct quotations, which is a warning sign in itself. Not all sites on top search results will even be credible. Melissa Zimdars, a media professor at Merrimack College in Massachusetts, created a list of websites that publish false information to the public. The list included sites such as 70news.wordpress.com, Abcnews.com.co, RealNewsRightNow.com and many other noncredible sites. Follow the tips for separating fake news from real news stories and download Google Chrome plugins to insure the site being viewed is legitimate.

Professor Zimdar’s list of sites with fake or misleading stories (also includes updates):

1. EnduringVision.com
2. 70news.wordpress.com
3. Abcnews.com.co
4. Politicops (aka Newslo, Politico)
5. RealNewsRightNow.com (Also includes intentional satire)
6. Infowars.com (Includes a mix of conspiracy theories and real news)
7. MegynKelly.us
8. CreamBMP.com
9. NaturalNews.com
10. NewsMutiny.com (Includes fake news and satire)
11. GeoEngineeringWatch.org
12. Global Research
13. White House News
14. Hang the Bankers
15. Associated Media Coverage (aka the Seattle Tribune)
16. Humans Are Free
17. Before It’s News
18. Conservative Tribune
19. Your News Wire
20. The New York Evening
21. Nutbar Factor (Includes mix of real news)
22. Trump Insurrection (Includes a mix of real news)

# Social media to take steps to combat spread of fake news

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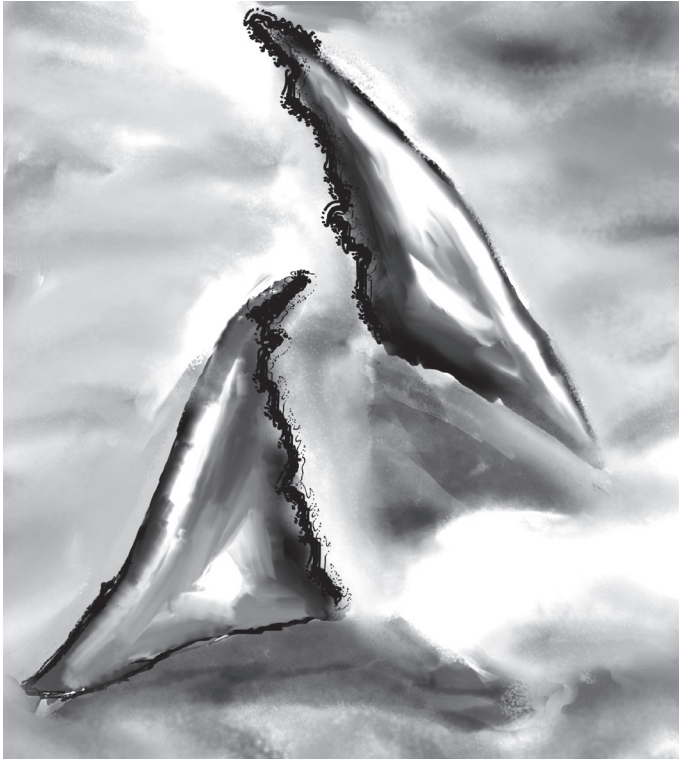
Fake news has increasingly become a growing problem in our country and was a primary topic of conversation in the 2016 presidential election. It is safe to assume that, for the most part, people in America are reasonably familiar with President Trump’s affinity for his Twitter account. Social media has become a key tool in marketing, politics and the way our generation thinks. However, not all the information produced to mold public opinion is authentic news. According to Business Insider, a recent study reported that only 59 percent of the articles being shared on Twitter have been clicked. Considering the articles shared are likely never read, researchers assume that the articles are shared based off their attention-grabbing headlines and not their content. As many may know, outrageous, attention-grabbing headlines are a common tool used by the media to promote a story’s circulation.

Business Insider, which is considered a reliable news site, shared tips on how to identify fake news sites online for those times when googling about an absurd link on Facebook or Twitter seems like a good idea. To begin with, check the URL. Some fake news sites use names that are nearly identical to authentic sites; for instance, CNN.com has an imposter named “cnn-trending.com.” Other indicators that the links one finds on social media may not be legitimate is the addition of a “.co” at the end of a URL. For example, washingtonpost.com.co and abcnews.com.co are fake sites purposefully named to gain credibility from viewers. Other information that was obtained from Business Insider is what some social media sites are doing in response to being associated with fake news. Facebook, for one, intends to use the French presidential election, said to be held April 23 of this year, to test the efficiency of CrossCheck, which is a new resource intended to check the authenticity of news found on social media.

BI Intelligence conducted a study that claims only 28 percent of adults in France trust their media compared to 30 percent of adults in America, which is shockingly low. If successful, the CrossCheck initiative is intended to be used in presidential elections in other countries as well. Since Facebook is

the leading social media network for global news, their credibility as a reliable news site heavily depends on their ability to regulate and monitor what can circulate on the site. With YouTube being in second place and Twitter being in third as top social networks for news, it would

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A fake news story that has been shared across social media for years is of Great White sharks spotted in the Mississippi River. The photo was actually taken in Costa Rica. ART BY LARRY MCGEE

# Fake news impacts all

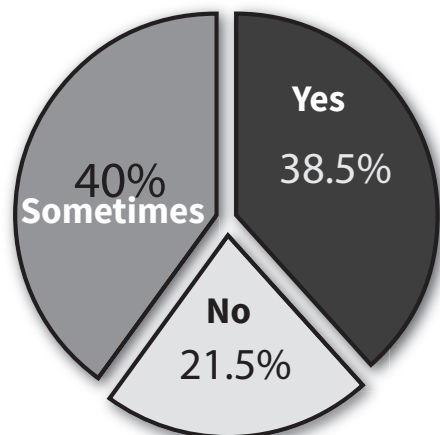
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Social media and news outlets can influence the way people think. Whether it be subliminal messaging or misleading information, people’s opinions can be altered by what they see online or in the media. Though many may be annoyed just by the idea of fake news playing a key role in the 2016 presidential election, such a statement is, in fact, true. Most people would never admit it, but the majority of citizens will believe whatever they may be told by whatever outlet they presume is trustworthy. Oxford Dictionary selected ‘post truth’ as its word of the year and defined it as the state of affairs when “objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief,” said Politifact.com, a Pulitzer-Prize winning fact-checking site. “Fake news is the boldest sign of a post-truth society. When we can’t agree on basic facts -- or even that there are such things as facts -- how do we talk to each other?” Fake news can be seen as dividing the nation based on differing personal political and social opinions. When someone gets in an argument with another person online over a small fake news story from Facebook for example, it causes issues and ends up involving many more people later on, giving the stories more power though they were never true to begin with. With fake news fanning the flames on social media and television, it seemed Democrats and

Republicans were more heated than ever during the course of the 2016 election. Mark Zuckerberg, founder of Facebook, released a statement on his site letting the users know that they would be cracking down on fake news and any misinformation that may be provided. Google has been doing the same by trying to eliminate as many false websites as possible. “It’s too soon to say whether Google’s and Facebook’s attempts to clamp down on fake news will have a significant impact, but fabricated stories posing as serious journalism are not likely to go away as they have become a means for some writers to make money and potentially influence public opinion,” said journalistsresource.org. “Even as Americans recognize that fake news causes confusion about current issues and events, they continue to circulate it. A December 2016 survey by the Pew Research Center suggests that 23 percent of U.S. adults have shared fake news, knowingly or unknowingly, with friends and others.” “It’s one of the dangers of our increasingly connected society—a tweet or video can go viral, spreading like wildfire unchecked with little regard for how truthful it may be,” said Business Insider. The fake news epidemic spread throughout the 2016 presidential election and helped create such a significant divide with the people of the United

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## Do you ever research or fact-check your news sources?



Note: These are results from an opinion poll conducted in JCJC English classes.



## Trump

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not mention is what the cost was based off. The following parameters were used: 21-year-old adult, non-tobacco user, annual income of \$21,400 in 2016, no children and no available coverage through a spouse’s employer. Though this may seem

reasonable, Obamacare was meant to be plan-affordable to everyone regardless of their situation, but According to OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), an average 30 percent of women remained childless up until the age of 25. In the United States, 80.6 percent of single parents are mothers.

Among this percentage of single mothers: 45 percent of single mothers are currently divorced or separated. When combining these two instances with the hidden fees in Obamacare, the public can see where Trump was coming from when he decided to let the plan collapse on itself. Though Trump was ultimately denied, he

continues to remain hopeful in his fellow Republican leaders. “I feel sure that my friend @RandPaul will come along with the new and great health care program because he knows Obamacare is a disaster!” Trump tweeted, just as an interview with Sen. Rand Paul was about to air on CNN’s Erin Burnett “OutFront.”

## Stringer

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like a stomach virus or a cold. Some of the symptoms of NHL are unexplained weight loss, abdominal pain and swelling, anemia, trouble breathing, prolonged fatigue, night sweats, itching of the skin and swelling in the

lymph nodes. Stringer is experiencing some of these symptoms but remains positive about his treatments and long-term goals for his health with the love and support of his parents.

“I don’t worry about my parents anymore although, to begin with, I was worried about their

well-being because it was obvious they were under so much stress,” said Stringer. “They are the strongest individuals I know and have shown me that they can stay positive through anything. My parents have been my rock. They’ve kept me optimistic throughout treatments, and we’ve

grown much closer as a family. I appreciate what they do for me a lot more now. Since the sickness, I don’t take anything for granted, especially friends and family. Each day is a gift. I did not notice them before I was diagnosed, but I now notice the little blessings God gives me every day.”

## Businesses

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habits and study in a different environment time to time, so studying at a calm relaxing restaurant like Panera Bread while snacking on a scone is quite satisfying,” said JCJC sophomore Tarron Walker. Not only do residents get to experience a new restaurant, but there is an expanding selection for make-up lovers in the city as well. Hattiesburg is welcoming one of the most well-known beauty stores, Ulta Beauty, which is moving to Turtle Creek mall this spring. Ulta Beauty is known for carrying the most popular make-up brands, including

NYX, Clinique, Urban Decay, Nars and Living Proof. The business has not announced a set date that the store will open. Currently, the Ulta Beauty store in D’Iberville is the most common location students travel to buy Ulta’s beauty products. “I drive to D’Iberville, Mississippi, which is located on the Mississippi Gulf Coast to shop at Ulta Beauty. It is a two hour drive but it is well worth it,” said JCJC Sophomore Taylor Haralson. There are a variety of different cosmetic brands sold at Ulta Beauty for every complexion or skin tone. Any make-up product or tool one can desire is sold there. “When I shop there I’m

most likely buying lipsticks, foundation, concealer, eye shadows or mascara,” said JCJC Sophomore La’Raven Stapelton. Franchises can be unique, but small self-owned businesses are unique too. Jazmo’s Bodega is a new corner store owned by Trey Sullivan. The store recently opened in downtown Hattiesburg. There are convenience stores and gas stations all through town, but this is the only convenience store downtown. Besides picking what they need, customers can enjoy the local artwork on the walls which make it a comfortable place. The famously known Mexican restaurant Mi Casita in Laurel is now opening another

restaurant in Ellisville. Currently, it is still under construction and the grand opening of this location has not been released. There is another location in Ellisville that has caught the community’s attention. The Other Side Asian Restaurant is now open and many college students have stopped by to grab lunch. “My friends and I go there every Wednesday to eat lunch and catch up on each other lives,” said Stapleton. A growing city is a successful city. As cities expand, college students can take advantage of the new businesses and make their college days more eventful.

## Pet

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Reggie is a 7-year-old English toy spaniel. After being adopted from a foster family, he has grown to love his best friend, Kubicki. Reggie experiences feelings of anxiety and nervousness whenever Kubicki is not with him. To help with his problem, Reggie is given medication that works to calm him. In addition to his separation anxiety, Reggie suffers from a heart murmur and hip dysplasia. Although

he has several health issues, Reggie is still a very attentive and loving companion to Kubicki. “He’s so sweet. You can pick him up, and it’s just like he hugs you. He’ll take his face and rub it against your face,” said Kubicki. Shelby Quick, a sophomore at JCJC, owns an emotional support animal named Boudreaux, a 14-month-old half timber wolf and half German Shepherd. Boudreaux provides emotional support for Quick by way of keeping him company. He knows when his owner is feeling

down or depressed, and he improves Quick’s mood by cheering him up. “I got him March 10, 2016, and he has been registered for about four months,” said Quick. “He can live with me anywhere I go, and he is protected by the Fair Housing Amendments Act. He can also fly with me in the cabin of an airplane instead of being put in cargo hold.” Other helpful animals that serve important jobs are police dogs. These dogs are trained to assist law enforcement in their work. While helping

the police find missing people, drugs and crime scene evidence, police dogs also provide love and care to their owners, in addition to protecting them. Set a little time aside to appreciate a four-legged, furry or feathery best friend. If there is not an animal to show some love to come April 11, remember that volunteering at a local animal shelter is a great way to celebrate National Pet Day and help out those who show around-the clock-care to animals needing a home.

## Horizon

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Set a millennium after an event eradicated most of life on Earth, the game follows Aloy, a child raised by her adoptive father Ross. Humanity has returned to its basics and operates under a tribal system that shuns those who commit indecent acts, or are raised without a proper family, such is the case with Aloy. With the help of Ross, she trains herself for an event called the Proving, which will remove her title of Outcast if she succeeds. Unfortunately, she and the other candidates are attacked by a group of cultists during the event. After being rescued, she sets out to learn why they ambushed her group, as well as figure out what led to Earth’s devastation many years ago. “Horizon: Zero Dawn” offers a compelling narrative featuring

an interesting world, solid characters and a coming-of-age motif for the protagonist, Aloy. Developer Guerrilla Games’ vision of Earth is a beautiful one. With nature having reclaimed all that was once buildings and other architecture, the visual style is gorgeous. It’s a game that’s both fun to play and one where stopping to look at the scenery is just as good. The cast is interesting and are all excellently voiced, with the highlight being the heroine of this game. She’s curious of the world that lies out there but is also a person that is determined to do her best and help others, no matter what. The gameplay is a hybrid of open-world and RPG elements that are utilized in a way to create something quite interesting. The world of “Horizon: Zero Dawn” is inhabited by

both man and machine, with the landscapes inhabited by robots that resemble creatures such as deer, horses, alligators, dinosaurs and more. Instead of wielding firearms to take the beasts down, Aloy will rely on a host of tools and weapons to hunt and kill the wildlife. Her primary weapon is a bow and arrow, but she acquires other gear as the game progresses. At first, eliminating the animal robots is rather simple, but as the creatures get bigger, they will require an extra degree of thought in determining how they should be brought down. Fortunately, Aloy has a device called the Focus which can highlight weak-points and their movement patterns. When everything falls into place, taking down the towering creatures is satisfactory, to say the least.

Completing missions, hunting machines and other tasks earn the player experience, which in turn allows Aloy to level up and earn a skill point that can go to one of three skill trees. Resources and other items gathered from fallen foes can be used to either craft items, or they can be sold to merchants located in each town. One thing is for certain, “Horizon: Zero Dawn” is filled to the brim with things to do, but it never reaches the point that it becomes overwhelming for the player to manage. “Horizon: Zero Dawn” is an experience different from other titles in the open-world genre. It mixes an intriguing setting with strong gameplay to create a title that offers hours upon hours of entertainment. Combine that with the excellent visuals and sound, and the result is a game destined to become one of the biggest hits of 2017.

## Hungry Human Hippos



Top photo, Sabrina Sagers, Hannah Nicole Burks and Broc Hinton; middle photo, Anasasiia Bukhanova; bottom photo, Beth Owen. PHOTOS BY BETHANY MORRIS

## Baptized

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guided them through their spiritual confirmation. The ceremony was said by many to be very moving, as their teammates stayed over the weekend in Ellisville to experience it with them. This event gained national attraction, and became viral seemingly overnight. “It was crazy, before you knew it, I saw links being shared by people from Texas, Arkansas, and all over the country. It was truly moving,” said Graves. The baptism took place in an ice bucket that players use to ice their bones after games. It was moved out to the fieldhouse and brought on to the field where Boumpus and Perque made perhaps the biggest commitments of their lives. As student athletes, they have ample opportunity to represent their school and community, and this ceremony was a prime example of that. “It was a statement that they wanted to make,” said Graves when asked why the girls decided to be baptized on the field as opposed to a church or a lake. The statement was that since softball was their conduit to find salvation, they wanted their baptisms to reflect that. The heart of the story however, may lie with Brittany Hagwood, a

sophomore at JCJC and a devout member of FCA. Hagwood took the initiative to make it a priority to convince her fellow classmates to stay over the weekend and attend the ceremony. “The baptism on the softball team surrounded by my teammates students and coaches was an unforgettable experience. Nothing compares to God’s presence at an FCA meeting before witnessing two of your own teammates make a huge step in their life as they publicly announced their decision to follow Christ,” Hagwood said. FCA is an organization that tries to bridge the gap between Christianity and athletics, bringing athletes together through the Bible. “FCA is a weekly meeting where students and athletes come together to worship and praise a God that’s greater than our pain, struggles and disappointments. I believe FCA is important because it reassures us that we’re not alone, and we don’t have to fight the battle alone because He’s already won the war!” Hagwood passionately explained. This spiritual experience moved an entire softball team and permeated into the community. The softball girls will continue to compete fiercely throughout the rest of the regular season as they prep for playoffs this Spring.

## Alumni

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Honor Alumnus is selected. This includes the 50 year classes of JCJC and specialty groups such as football reunions, band reunions, softball reunions and baseball reunions from different decades.” Alumni Associations serve to communicate a positive message about schools and help

graduates to keep in touch with the colleges they attended. “I would have to say that I do have the most rewarding job. I meet so many Alumni and they have such great memories here on the JCJC campus. When they come back to visit they always talk about the friends they made, the football games, homecomings and dorm life back years ago,” said Newcomb.



# NEWS

# Real or Fake? A Poll

We polled the JCJC English classes to see if they could tell real from fake headlines, all of which were published during the presidential election. The “real” or “fake” stamp reveals if the story is actually real, and the percentage reveals how many in the class chose a certain answer.

**"Sarah Palin Bans Muslims from Entering Bristol Palin"** **FAKE**  
 26.4% REAL      73.6% FAKE  
**"Ru Paul Claims Trump Touched Him Inappropriately in the 90s"** **FAKE**  
 26.6% REAL      73.4% FAKE  
**"McDonald's Could Kill the Drive Thru as we Know it"** **REAL**  
 33.6% REAL      66.4% FAKE  
**"Hillary Clinton suggested Trump should run for President"** **FAKE**  
 22.1% REAL      77.9% FAKE  
**"Hillary Clinton sold weapons to ISIS and it was confirmed by WikiLeaks"** **FAKE**  
 27.8% REAL      72.2% FAKE  
**"Obama's White House photographer has been trolling Trump on Instagram"** **REAL**  
 45.7% REAL      54.3% FAKE  
**"Obama cut \$2.6 billion from programs for veterans to support Syria in the US"** **FAKE**  
 57.1% REAL      42.9% FAKE

# American

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reputable news source makes a mistake, it will admit that mistake to the public and correct the mistake. Fake news is intentionally spreading incorrect information. The Daily Dot offers several ways to look for fake news and combat it.

“Watch out for websites that end in ‘.com.co’ as they are often fake versions of real news sources,” said the Daily Dot. “Watch out if known/reputable news sites are not also reporting on the story. Sometimes lack of coverage is the result of corporate media bias

and other factors, but there should typically be more than one source reporting on a topic or event.”

Other warning signs include stories that lack an author, all caps, click bait or even if the story seems to intentionally make one angry with exaggerated material. Some sources will do this to instill anger and spread the story further. To make sure a story is real, try using Hoaxy.com for another quick fact-check.

While there are indeed real stories out there on social media and the web, fake news is riddled within them, so watch out and always fact-check your sources.

## Fake

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percent said they fact-check their news sources, 40 percent said they sometimes do, and 21 percent said they never do. However, 88 percent of students surveyed agree that fake news is a problem.

Fake news has been a problem for years, but with technology progressing, the spread of it is becoming more of an issue. When false information circulates and gets passed on from person to person or from news source to news source, the information can appear real and can anger, upset or offend people, sometimes resulting in extreme reactions based on things that are not even issues in reality. The solution is to recognize when sources are fake—sites that use .com.co, headlines that are all capitalized or where there is no author of the article—and to stop spreading false information. In a world of bias and fabrication, a new level of individual responsibility is required. Citizens must become independent critical thinkers. There is no cure for fake news, but it can be treated.

## Social

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not be surprising to see CrossCheck used on these sites to check their sources' authenticity. Hopefully, combining technology's ability to filter information, with the aid of human fact-checkers, will be a step in the right direction for social media's growing relationship with news. Ultimately, the goal is creating a path for social media to become readily accessible and more reliable for users who wish to obtain their news via social media.



# Car Show



The Baptist Student Union held its second annual car show on April 6. There were awards in four classes: pre-1970, 1970-1990, 1991-present and trucks. All proceeds go to the “Dress the Children” project. Pictured below are JCJC student Lynlee Walters and instructor Joan Messer. Also pictured are students looking at different cars.

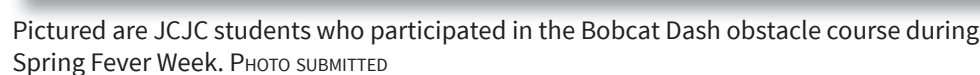
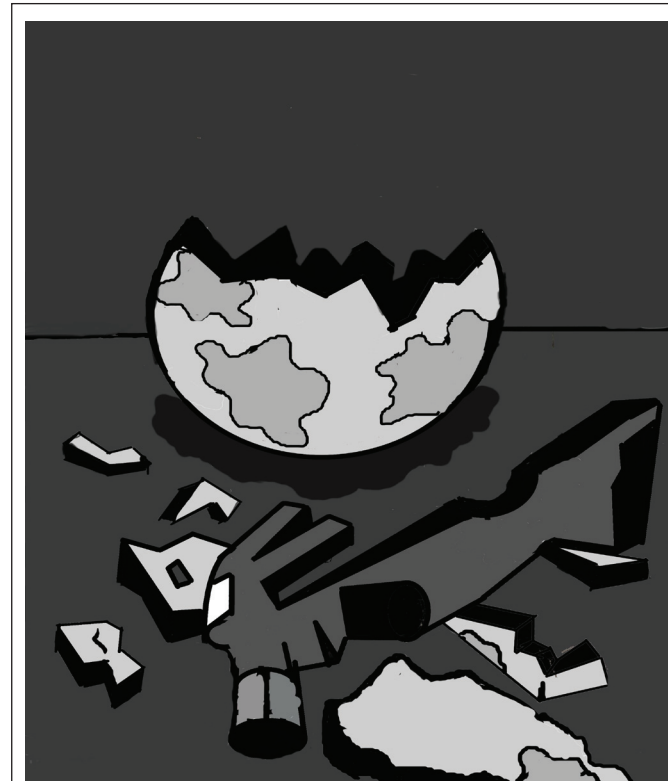


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States. Because of this issue, people have a growing hostility and make generalizations about another person

because of an article they may have seen on a website. While this country is not perfect, it is important to remember that everyone is in it together, regardless of political affiliation.





# Dunking Booth

The Dunking Booth was part of Spring Fever Week activities, held the week of April 3-7. Pictured are, right, Dr. Samuel Jones; below, left to right, sitting in the dunking booth, Caroline Runion and Broc Hinton; watching Jamie Williams get ready to throw the ball are, l-r, Shreya Patel, Hannah Nicole Burks, Landon Singleterry and Katelynn McGowan; Dr. Jones congratulating a student.

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